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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing. CHECK BOX, if applicable: (Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) **DUPLICATE** Address to PRADEM 35.C12418 Attorney Docket No. First Named Inventor SURESHUEYACHANDRAN, ET Commissioner for Patents **Box CPA Examiner Name** K. Poon Washington, DC 20231 Group Art Unit 2724 Express Mail Label No. ✓ continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) This is a request for a (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/988,959 filed on December 11, 1997, entitled A RESPONSE APPARATUS FOR SENDING A RESPONSE N ACCORDANCE WITH A STATE, AND A METHOD THEREFOR NOTES FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR **EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION**: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned. ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket. 35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR § 1.78(a). Entér the unentered amendment previously filed on September 8, 2000 under 37 CFR § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application. 2. a. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. b. The applicant(s) presently intend(s) to file additional papers in this case shortly. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the attorneys for the applicant(s). 3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(4). DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application: EHAMMOND 00000057 08988959 The inventors to be deleted are set form on a separate sheet attached hereto. h An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed? 5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS	
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR § 1.16(c) or (j))	100-20 =	80	X \$ 18.00 =	\$1,440.00	
	INDEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR § 1.16(b) or (i))	S 9-3 =	6	X \$ 80.00 =	\$ 480.00	
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR § 1.16(d)) \$270.00 = \$				\$ 0	
	BASIC FEE (37 CFR § 1.16(a)) \$ 710.00					
	Total of above Calculations = \$2,630.00					
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
TOTAL = \$2,630.00						
6. Sr a.	nall entity status A Small entity statement is enclosed					
b.						
C.						
7. L	Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.					
	A check in the amount of \$ 2,630.00 is enclosed.					
	ne Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account 0. 06-1205:					
a.	X Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.					
b. c.	X Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.17. Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.18.					
10.	Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR § 1.103(b) (fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) enclosed).					
11. a.	Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A).					
b.	Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized. See MPEP 503).					
12.	Other					
NOTE: The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below						
13. NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS						
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED						
	NAME Douglas Sharrott					
	SIGNATURE LEGISLA CONTRACTOR OF THE SIGNATURE					
	REGISTRATION NO. 39,832					
DATE October 23, 2000						

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